¶An admonition to be redde in the Churches of the citie and subburbes of London, by the pastours and ministers of the same.

ACcording to a certayne order sent of late from the Quenes maiesties most honorable priuy Counsell, & the reuerende father in God the Bishoppe of London our ordinary, I am by the saide Bishop willed to exhort and admonish you that be of this parish, diligently to obserue and obediently to kepe those good orders which lately haue bene sette forthe by the Lorde Maior of this citie for auoydinge the daunger of the infection of this contagyous sickenesse, wherwith God hath of late visited this Citie, and which as yet is not clearly taken away. And further on the behalfe afore saide, I do most earnestly exhort and beseech those, whom it hath pleased god to visit with this sickenes, and are in the way of recouery, to forbeare to company with the hole, for suche conuenyente tyme, as is by order of the sayde Lorde Maior appoynted in thys behalfe, or lenger if nede so requyre, that therof no infection increase to others by their occasion, cõsidering that euen by the rule of Charity all men are bounde in conscience, not to do any thinge, that by cõmon iudgement and experience may bring a manifest peril & daunger to their brethren or neighbours, as may wel apeare by the law of god, in seperating the leprose persons frõ the clene, 13. Leui. 25 wherin Ozias being a king was not spared: the disease of Leprosy being nothing so daungerous for infection, as this is. And likewise I exhorte as afore, those that be hole, to vse conuenient meanes and helpes beinge not agaynst Goddes worde, to kepe them selfes from infection, and not to resort to places infected, whereunto by their duty and vocation they are not bound to resorte, least by rashe or wilfull entryng into companyes or places of daunger, they tempt God, casting themselfes into vnnecessary perilles, which is against his expresse commaundement, & by louinge peril (as the wise man saieth) perish in the same. This thing therfore being both so charitable and godly, and also very like to be profitable for this afflicted Citie, I truste all good men will gladly embrace and receyue, the rather for that it may be easily obserued, the number of the sycke (the deathes be not greate) beinge nowe but small, and for that also by the godly order nowe set forthe by the saide Lorde Maior, those that be not of habilitie, are sufficiently prouided for in this case.

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